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|  <p>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</p> <p>To Commissioner For Patents Please enter the following submission and withdraw the finality of the proceeding office action or withdraw any pending appeal and reopen prosecution before the Examiner.</p> | Application Number | 10/023,167 |
| | Filing Date | DECEMBER 18, 2001 |
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| | Group Art Unit | 2625 |
| | Examiner Name | John B. STREGE |
| | Attorney Docket Number | NL000756 |

This is an RCE under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application (which is made prior to: payment of issue fee; abandonment; notice of appeal to the CAFC; or commencement of civil action under 35 U.S.C. 145 or 146.)

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

a. ☒ **Previously submitted**

- i. ☒ **Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on October 19, 2005.**
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☐ **Enclosed**

- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____ (may not be a brief)

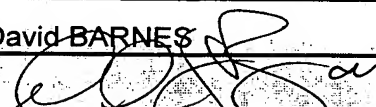
2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (May not exceed 3 months; Fee required per 37 C.F.R. § 1.117(i))
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees**

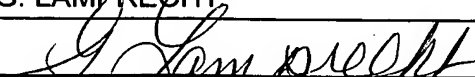
- a. ☒ **The Commissioner For Patents is hereby authorized to charge all required fees except the issue fee or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 14-1270.**

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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